

Question	Answer
Close date extension for respondents?	An extension to July 16 3PM been provided. With the extension, we expect high quality proposals that have been proofread.
In addition to the prior reports and documents available on the MassDOT website, will MassDOT also make available to the selected team relevant technical files from those previous studies	MassDOT will make available the relevant files from these efforts.
Does MassDOT expect the consultant to coordinate directly with MPOs along the study corridor regarding existing and future land use, population, and employment?	The Consultant should propose a methodology for establishing existing and future land use.
What is the planning horizon year for the study and are any intermediate years expected to be utilized for the market analysis and ridership forecasting?	The planning horizon year will be 2040. The Consultant may propose an interim year for analysis.
Will MassDOT take the lead on coordination with interfacing rail passenger projects such as SSX, NEC Future, NHHS, and Knowledge Corridor	MassDOT will take the lead on outreach for these efforts.
Are there any rate caps in effect for this project? If so, what?	As stated in the General Provisions: It is the current policy of the Department to limit the hourly rate for professional employees to \$74.00 per hour. Permission for higher rates per hour may be granted in special situations with the written approval of the Executive Director.
Will MassDOT allow vendors to propose and work on a lump sum basis?	MassDOT generally uses a Cost + Fee contract approach for the prime consultant. An alternative approach will have to be negotiated and may not be accepted. Subcontractors, particularly those performing certain types of tasks can be treated as a direct expense. See the Draft General and Special Provisions for more information.
Will MassDOT secure and pay for translation services and other accessibility aids or will that be the consultant's responsibility?	Translation and accessibility aids will be the consultant's responsibility.
Will you require a letter from the Audit Operations Unit?	Yes.
Are prime consultants required to submit an audited overhead rate for its latest fiscal year?	Yes. See the RFP for more detailed information on the requirements.
Are sub consultants required to submit a valid audited overhead rate?	Yes. See the RFP for more detailed information on the requirements.

Is there a process to facilitate right-of-way access to the consultant for the purposes of collecting data (task 3)? Is there information available about costs and other requirements that will be associated with obtaining permission to access right-of-way segments owned by Mass and CSX?	MassDOT can help facilitate ROW access for MA owned property. CSX has its own process with unspecified fees. The Consultant should be aware that CSX may not accommodate access requests. Alternative solutions for addressing the requirements in Task 3 should be considered.
Does the funding for this RFP come from any Federal funding?	US DOT State Planning and Research funds may be used to fund all or part of this RFP.